

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



UNITED STATES POSTAGE
U.S. OFFICIAL MAIL
PENALTY FOR
PRIVATE USE \$300
FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 1000 NEW YORK, NY
MINY BOWES

02 1A
00004205065
MAILED FROM ZIP CODE 22314

2012

☐ MOVED, LEFT NO ADDRESS
☒ FORWARDING ORDER ENTERED
☐ RETURNED TO SENDER
☐ UNCLAIMED - NOT KNOWN
☐ NO SUCH STREET
☐ NO SUCH NUMBER
☐ INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/726,979	12/03/2003	Clifton Lind	988.1035	5074

35326 7590 01/11/2006

THIRD REVOLUTION, LLC
303 ADAMS ST #406
OAKLAND, CA 94610



EXAMINER

SHAH, MILAP

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

3714

DATE MAILED: 01/11/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/726,979

Applicant(s)

LIND ET AL.

Examiner

Milap Shah

Art Unit

3714

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/17/04 & 5/27/05.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-4, 7-11, & 14-16 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12, 16-18, 21-22, 28, & 34-36 of U.S. Patent No. 6,802,776. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the subject matter of the conflicting claims is similar and, at times, almost identical in phrasing and terminology. The claims are not patentability distinct from one another because it would have been obvious at the time of the invention to implement a similar bingo game with a plurality of game play requests associated with respective players and request multiple bingo cards in order to provide multiplayer bingo system with multiple ways to win. One would be motivated because a multiplayer bingo system allows for players to enjoy a bingo game in a traditional setting.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless – .

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lind et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0111207).

Claims 1 & 8: Lind et al. disclose the same invention including a method comprising the steps of: (a) matching a first set of game designations with a set of bingo card representations to produce a matched card set, the matched card set including a number of game play records with each game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the first set of game designations and the respective bingo card representation; (b) receiving a number of game play requests, each respective game play request being associated with a respective player and a respective bingo card representation from the set of bingo card representations; and (c) for each game play request, assigning the respective player the game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the respective player is associated (claim 1 & paragraph 0049). Lind et al. also disclose a program product stored on a computer readable medium, wherein the program product stores the program code to execute the above steps (claim 10).

Claim 2: Lind et al. disclose assigning game play records from the matched card set until a game winning player holds a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card representation having a game ending pattern; and withdrawing (i.e. disregarding) the matched card set from play in response to the assignment of the game play record corresponding to the matched bingo card representation having the game ending pattern (claim 3).

Claim 3: Lind et al. disclose matching an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card representations to produce an additional matched card set, the additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation (claim 7, paragraph 0074, & paragraph 0079).

Claim 4: Lind et al. disclose receiving an additional game play request associated with a given player who has already been assigned a respective game play record from the matched card set, the additional game play request also being associated with a respective bingo card representation from the set of bingo card representations; and assigning the given player the additional game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the given player is associated (claims 7-9).

Claim 5: Lind et al. disclose assigning additional game play records from the additional matched card set in response to a game play request which next follows a game play request for which is assigned a game ending game play record (paragraphs 0054 & 0055).

Claim 6: Lind et al. disclose assigning game play records from the matched card set for a set period of time and then assigning additional game play records from the additional matched card set after that set period of time (paragraphs 0054 & 0055).

Claim 7: Lind et al. disclose 7. The method of claim 1 further including the steps of: (a) matching a number of additional game designation sets with the set of bingo card representations to produce a number of additional matched card sets, each additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record in a given one of the additional matched cards sets corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the respective additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation; and (b) storing each additional matched card set so that respective additional game records are available for assignment in response to a respective game play request.

Claim 9: Lind et al. disclose game ending play monitoring program code for detecting when a player has been assigned a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card representation having a game ending pattern; and matched card set switching program code for switching to a different matched card set when the winning play monitoring program code detects that a player has been assigned the game play record corresponding to the matched bingo card representation having the game ending pattern (claim 12).

Claim 10: Lind et al. disclose the matching program code matches an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card representations to produce an additional matched card set, the additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation (claims 16 & 17).

Claim 11: Lind et al. disclose the game play assignment program code responds to a game play request from a given player who as been assigned a game play record from the matched card set by assigning the given player an additional game play record from the additional matched card set, the assigned additional game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the given player is associated (claims 18, 28 & 34).

Claim 12: Lind et al. disclose the game play assignment program code assigns a respective additional game play record from the additional matched card set in response to a game play request which next follows a game play request for which is assigned a game ending play record from the matched card set (paragraphs 0054 & 0055).

Claim 13: Lind et al. disclose the game play assignment program code assigns game play records from the matched card set for a set period of time and then assigns additional game play records from the additional matched card set after that set period of time (paragraphs 0054 & 0055).

Claim 14: Lind et al. disclose a gaming system comprising: (a) a number of player stations, each player station for enabling a player to initiate a game play request and for displaying results of a game play upon receipt of a game play record, each game play request initiated by a player being associated with the initiating player and with a respective bingo card representation in a set of bingo card representations; (b) a central processing system for storing a set of game play records, each game play record corresponding to a respective bingo card representation which has been matched to a first set of game designations, the central processing system also for assigning a respective game play record from the set of game play records to a player in response to a game play request initiated by the respective player at one of the player stations, the respective game play record assigned to the player being the game play record

corresponding to the bingo card representation that is associated with that player; and (c) a communications system operatively connected to the central processing system and to each of the player stations for facilitating communications between the central processing system and each player station (claim 35, figure 3, & paragraphs 0030-0041 that describe figure 3).

Claim 15: Lind et al. disclose the central processing system stores a number of additional sets of game play records, each game play record in a respective additional set of game play records corresponding to a respective one of the bingo card representations which has been matched to an additional set of game designations; and the central processing system also assigns a respective game play record from one of the additional sets of game play records to a player in response to a game play request initiated by the respective player at a respective one of the player stations, the respective game play record assigned to the player from the additional set of game play records being the game play record in that additional set corresponding to the bingo card representation that is associated with that player (claim 36 & paragraphs 0030-0041).

Claim 16: Lind et al. disclose the matched card set includes a game ending game play record corresponding to a bingo card representation from the set of bingo card representations and wherein the central processing system withdraws the matched card set from play in response to the assignment of the game ending game play record (claims 2, 3, 21 & 22, note: the central processing system is the hardware that handles the withdrawing or disregarding of cards).

Claim 17: Lind et al. disclose a gaming floor component for directing a bingo card request to the central processing system in response to a bingo card request input entered for a respective player, and wherein the central processing system responds to the bingo card request by associating a respective bingo card representation from the bingo card representation set with

Art Unit: 3714

the respective player for whom the bingo card request input was entered (paragraphs 0010, 0042, & 0048).

Claim 18: Lind et al. disclose the gaming floor component comprises one of the player stations (paragraph 0048).

Claim 19: Lind et al. disclose a point of sale terminal distinct from the player stations and wherein the gaming floor component comprises the point of sale terminal (paragraph 0041).

Claim 20: Lind et al. disclose the central processing system is also for maintaining a database correlating each of a number of respective players to one or more bingo card representations with which the respective player is associated (paragraphs 0037-0039).

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lind et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,802,776).

The applied reference has a common inventor with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor(s) of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Claims 1 & 8: Lind et al. disclose the same invention including a method comprising the steps of: (a) matching a first set of game designations with a set of bingo card representations to produce a matched card set, the matched card set including a number of game play records with each game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the first set of game

designations and the respective bingo card representation; (b) receiving a number of game play requests, each respective game play request being associated with a respective player and a respective bingo card representation from the set of bingo card representations; and (c) for each game play request, assigning the respective player the game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the respective player is associated (claim 1 & column 9, lines 42-60). Lind et al. also disclose a program product stored on a computer readable medium, wherein the program product stores the program code to execute the above steps (claim 10).

Claim 2: Lind et al. disclose assigning game play records from the matched card set until a game winning player holds a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card representation having a game ending pattern; and withdrawing (i.e. disregarding) the matched card set from play in response to the assignment of the game play record corresponding to the matched bingo card representation having the game ending pattern (claim 3).

Claim 3: Lind et al. disclose matching an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card representations to produce an additional matched card set, the additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation (claim 7, column 17, lines 6-15, & column 18, lines 33-49).

Claim 4: Lind et al. disclose receiving an additional game play request associated with a given player who has already been assigned a respective game play record from the matched card set, the additional game play request also being associated with a respective bingo card representation from the set of bingo card representations; and assigning the given player the

additional game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the given player is associated (claims 7-9).

Claim 5: Lind et al. disclose assigning additional game play records from the additional matched card set in response to a game play request which next follows a game play request for which is assigned a game ending game play record (column 10, line 53 – column 11, line 30).

Claim 6: Lind et al. disclose assigning game play records from the matched card set for a set period of time and then assigning additional game play records from the additional matched card set after that set period of time (column 10, line 53 – column 11, line 30).

Claim 7: Lind et al. disclose 7. The method of claim 1 further including the steps of: (a) matching a number of additional game designation sets with the set of bingo card representations to produce a number of additional matched card sets, each additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record in a given one of the additional matched cards sets corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the respective additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation; and (b) storing each additional matched card set so that respective additional game records are available for assignment in response to a respective game play request.

Claim 9: Lind et al. disclose game ending play monitoring program code for detecting when a player has been assigned a game play record corresponding to a matched bingo card representation having a game ending pattern; and matched card set switching program code for switching to a different matched card set when the winning play monitoring program code

detects that a player has been assigned the game play record corresponding to the matched bingo card representation having the game ending pattern (claim 12).

Claim 10: Lind et al. disclose the matching program code matches an additional game designation set with the set of bingo card representations to produce an additional matched card set, the additional matched card set including a number of respective additional game play records with each additional game play record corresponding to a different one of the bingo card representations and including a result indicator indicating a result of the match between the additional game designation set and the respective bingo card representation (claims 16 & 17).

Claim 11: Lind et al. disclose the game play assignment program code responds to a game play request from a given player who as been assigned a game play record from the matched card set by assigning the given player an additional game play record from the additional matched card set, the assigned additional game play record corresponding to the respective bingo card representation with which the given player is associated (claims 18, 28 & 34).

Claim 12: Lind et al. disclose the game play assignment program code assigns a respective additional game play record from the additional matched card set in response to a game play request which next follows a game play request for which is assigned a game ending play record from the matched card set (column 10, line 53 – column 11, line 30).

Claim 13: Lind et al. disclose the game play assignment program code assigns game play records from the matched card set for a set period of time and then assigns additional game play records from the additional matched card set after that set period of time (column 10, line 53 – column 11, line 30).

Claim 14: Lind et al. disclose a gaming system comprising: (a) a number of player stations, each player station for enabling a player to initiate a game play request and for displaying results of a

game play upon receipt of a game play record, each game play request initiated by a player being associated with the initiating player and with a respective bingo card representation in a set of bingo card representations; (b) a central processing system for storing a set of game play records, each game play record corresponding to a respective bingo card representation which has been matched to a first set of game designations, the central processing system also for assigning a respective game play record from the set of game play records to a player in response to a game play request initiated by the respective player at one of the player stations, the respective game play record assigned to the player being the game play record corresponding to the bingo card representation that is associated with that player; and (c) a communications system operatively connected to the central processing system and to each of the player stations for facilitating communications between the central processing system and each player station (claim 35, figure 3, & column 5, line 44 – column 7, line 64 which describe figure 3).

Claim 15: Lind et al. disclose the central processing system stores a number of additional sets of game play records, each game play record in a respective additional set of game play records corresponding to a respective one of the bingo card representations which has been matched to an additional set of game designations; and the central processing system also assigns a respective game play record from one of the additional sets of game play records to a player in response to a game play request initiated by the respective player at a respective one of the player stations, the respective game play record assigned to the player from the additional set of game play records being the game play record in that additional set corresponding to the bingo card representation that is associated with that player (claim 36 & column 5, line 44 – column 7, line 64).

Claim 16: Lind et al. disclose the matched card set includes a game ending game play record corresponding to a bingo card representation from the set of bingo card representations and wherein the central processing system withdraws the matched card set from play in response to the assignment of the game ending game play record (claims 2, 3, 21 & 22, note: the central processing system is the hardware that handles the withdrawing or disregarding of cards).

Claim 17: Lind et al. disclose a gaming floor component for directing a bingo card request to the central processing system in response to a bingo card request input entered for a respective player, and wherein the central processing system responds to the bingo card request by associating a respective bingo card representation from the bingo card representation set with the respective player for whom the bingo card request input was entered (column 3, lines 17-39, column 7, line 65 – column 8, line 11, & column 9, lines 20-40).

Claim 18: Lind et al. disclose the gaming floor component comprises one of the player stations (column 9, lines 20-40).

Claim 19: Lind et al. disclose a point of sale terminal distinct from the player stations and wherein the gaming floor component comprises the point of sale terminal (column 7, lines 54-64).

Claim 20: Lind et al. disclose the central processing system is also for maintaining a database correlating each of a number of respective players to one or more bingo card representations with which the respective player is associated (column 7, lines 10-42).

Art Unit: 3714

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Applicability</u>
Fioretti	U.S. Patent No. 5,351,970	Methods & apparatus for playing bingo over a wide geographic area.
Goldfarb	U.S. Patent No. 5,472,209	Method of playing a game of chance with a universal bingo card at the game site or locations remote from the game site.
Falciglia	U.S. Patent No. 5,647,798	Apparatus for playing bingo on a slot machine.
Khaldakar	U.S. Patent No. 5,687,971	Bingo game management method & system
Matsumoto et al.	U.S. Patent No. 5,755,619	Bingo game machine.
Tawil	U.S. Patent No. 5,951,396	Real-time monitoring and registering of bingo games
Santini, Jr.	U.S. Patent No. 6,257,980	Method & apparatus for identifying a winner in a bingo game.
Lind et al.	U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0132661	Similar Lind et al. application for a bingo-type game

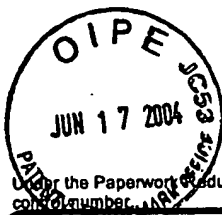
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Milap Shah whose telephone number is (571) 272-1723. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9:30AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's acting supervisor, Scott Jones can be reached on (571) 272-4438. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

M.B.S.

Scott Jones
SCOTT JONES
PRIMARY EXAMINER



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO		Complete if Known			
		Application Number	10/726,979		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Filing Date	12/03/2003		
		First Named Inventor	Clifton Lind		
		Art Unit	3713		
		Examiner Name	Unknown		
Sheet	1	of	3	Attorney Docket Number	988.1035

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)				
Mbs		US-	5,265,880	11-30-1993	Maksymec, P.A.	
		US-	5,297,802	03-29-1994	Pocock, T., et al.	
		US-	5,324,035	06-28-1994	Morris, E.D., et al.	
		US-	5,588,913	12-31-1996	Hecht, A.R.	
		US-	6,186,892	02-13-2001	Frank A., et al.	
		US-	4,140,320	02-20-1979	Cortimilia, R.A.	
		US-	5,193,815	03-16-1993	Pollard, Gordon	
		US-	5,265,880	11-30-1993	Maksymec, Peter. A.	
		US-	4,856,787	08-15-1989	Itkis, B.	
		US-	5,569,083	10-29-1996	Fioretti, Philip R.	
		US-	5,857,911	01-12-1999	Fioretti, Philip R.	
		US-	4,494,197	01-15-1985	Troy, Seymour, et al.	
		US-	4,909,516	03-20-1990	Kolinsky, Alfred P.	
		US-	5,265,874	11-30-1993	Dickinson, Peter D., et al.	
		US-	5,518,253	05-21-1996	Pocock, Terrence, et al.	
		US-	5,674,128	10-07-1997	Holch, Niels C., et al.	
		US-	5,679,077	10-21-1997	Pocock, Terrence, et al.	
		US-	5,800,269	09-01-1998	Holch, Niels C., et al.	
		US-	6,089,982 B1	07-18-2000	Holch, Niels C., et al.	
Mbs		US-	6,280,325 B1	08-28-2001	Fisk, Michael G.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)					
						</	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	1/7/06
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/726,979
				Filing Date	12/03/2003
				First Named Inventor	Clifton Lind
				Art Unit	3713
				Examiner Name	Unknown
				Attorney Docket Number	988.1035
Sheet	2	of	3		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. 1	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (If known)			
MOS		us- 6,280,328 B1	08-28-2001	Holch, Niels, C., et al.	
		us- 4,652,998	03-24-1987	Koza J.R.	
		us- 6,056,289	05-02-2000	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,928,082	07-27-1999	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,810,664	09-22-1998	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,749,784	05-12-1998	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,645,485	07-08-1997	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,609,337	03-11-1997	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,536,008	07-16-1996	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,487,544	01-30-1996	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,980,385	11-09-1999	Clapper, R.C., Jr.	
		us- 5,941,771	08-24-1999	Haste, T.E., III	
		us- 5,595,538	01-21-1997	Haste, T.E., III	
		us- 5,580,311	12-03-1996	Haste, T.E., III	
	MOS		us- 4,373,726	02-15-1983	
		us- 6,024,640	02-15-2000	Walker, J., et al.	
		us- 6,322,446 B1	11-27-2001	Yacenda, Michael W.	
		us- /	/	/	
		us- /	/	/	
		us- /	/	/	
		us- /	/	/	

[illegible]

Examiner Signature	<i>M. P. S.</i>	Date Considered	1/7/06
--------------------	-----------------	-----------------	--------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO		Complete if Known	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (use as many sheets as necessary)		Application Number	10/726,979
		Filing Date	12/03/2003
		First Named Inventor	Clifton Lind
		Group Art Unit	3713
		Examiner Name	Unknown
		Attorney Docket Number	988.1035
Sheet	3	of	3

OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS				
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²	
WLS		Bingo King Catalog; Catalog No. 295; 1996-1997; pgs. 8, 25, 26, 45 and 124		

Examiner Signature	<i>Michael L</i>	Date Considered	1/7/04
--------------------	------------------	-----------------	--------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/726,979
Filing Date	December 3, 2003
First Named Inventor	Clifton Lind
Art Unit	3713
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	988.1035

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

[illegible][illegible]

**Examiner
Signature**

Date Considered

11/7/06

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 608. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1480, Alexandria, VA 22313-1480.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Notice of References Cited	Application/Control No. 10/726,979	Applicant(s)/Patent Under Reexamination LIND ET AL.	
	Examiner Milap Shah	Art Unit 3714	Page 1 of 1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
	A	US-2002/0111207	08-2002	Lind et al.	463/19
	B	US-5,351,970	10-1994	Fioretti, Philip R.	463/19
	C	US-5,472,209	12-1995	Goldfarb, Simon	463/19
	D	US-5,647,798	07-1997	Falciglia, Sal	463/19
	E	US-5,687,971	11-1997	Khaladkar, Vikas	273/269
	F	US-5,755,619	05-1998	Matsumoto et al.	463/19
	G	US-5,951,396	09-1999	Tawil, Saleem	463/19
	H	US-6,257,980	07-2001	Santini, Jr., John A.	463/19
	I	US-2002/0132661	09-2002	Lind et al.	463/19
	J	US-			
	K	US-			
	L	US-			
	M	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Country	Name	Classification
	N					
	O					
	P					
	Q					
	R					
	S					
	T					

NON-PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Include as applicable: Author, Title Date, Publisher, Edition or Volume, Pertinent Pages)
	U	
	V	
	W	
	X	

*A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. (See MPEP § 707.05(a).)
Dates in MM-YYYY format are publication dates. Classifications may be US or foreign.